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$20 million state grants protested

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Plymouth Township residents and officials are among those questioning $20 million in state grants awarded to Salem Township, earmarked to fund the installation of water and sewer lines for a planned development just west of Napier Road. The award was approved by outgoing state legislators in December, just prior to new officials taking office.

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Livonia Builder Schostak Brothers is set to begin construction on one of two sub-divisions, Salem Springs South, located in a 200-acre triangle bordered by M-14, Gotfredson, North Territorial and Napier roads on the northeast edge of Washtenaw County. Plans for the 588-unit high-density development include townhouses, detached condominiums and single-family homes. To the south of M-14 will be Salem Springs North, a mixed-use development that will include retail, residential and big box stores. Bobby Schostak, company chairman, served as chair of the state Republican Party from 2011 to 2015, which has added fuel to residents' criticisms.

The supplemental spending bill in question, approved the last day of the Legislature sessions in December, has incurred the wrath of not just area residents, but city, county, township and state legislators on both

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Newly-named city officials in Northville include Scott Frush, left, former Treasurer Marjorie Banner who will become city clerk and Fred Shadko, who will move to the treasurer's position.

Northville names new officials

Northville Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand announced her retirement after 26 years on the job during the regular meeting of the township board of trustees last week prompting three new appointments to positions in township administration.

The remainder of Hillebrand's term will be filled by current Township Treasurer Marjorie Banner. The remainder of Banner's term as treasurer will be completed by current board Trustee Fred Shadko and Shadko's unexpired term on the board of trustees will be filled by Scott Frush.

All the appointments will become effective Feb. 15.

Hillebrand told the trustees that she was resigning to help with her recovery from major surgery and to prepare for the arrival of twin granddaughters due in July. They join a 4-year-old sister, she told the board members.

Hillebrand was first elected as township clerk Nov. 3, 1992 and she has continued to serve the community during her more than 30-year residency, including as a member of the township board, the township Beautification Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

During her 26-year tenure as township clerk, Hillebrand has conducted 50 successful elections, making her the longest-elected clerk in the history of Northville Township. She has served on both board of the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks (MMAC) and the Association of Wayne County Clerks. She was nominated and elected the MAMC Township Clerk of the Year in 2008 for her involvement and interest in improving her professional field.

Hillebrand earned the Master Municipal Clerk certification from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks in 2009, a title earned by only 1353 clerks in the United States because of its extensive and rigorous program. She is one of only 61 Michigan Clerks to have achieved this status from the prestigious International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

Members of the board of trustees commented on Hillebrand's strong work ethic, honesty, and unwavering integrity.

Sue Hillebrand

She will be honored at a public retirement reception set for 1-4 p.m. Jan. 28 at Northville Township Hall.

The reception is open to the public.

Hillebrand suggested Banner as her replacement for the remainder of her term which will expire in 2020.

Supervisor Bob Nix made the appointment which was approved by a vote of the trustees.

Banner has been a

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Chickens in Canton?

Resident suggests local 'fowl' housing

A Canton Township resident, during public comments at a recent Board of Trustees meeting, advocated for small-scale chicken farms in the township. Roxanna Gholami noted nearby communities allow the live poultry in residential areas.

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock noted that home-raised chickens have been an issue across the state and that his community did have an instance of a homeowner with chickens.

"We've had them, but it hasn't been an issue," Sincock said of the one instance in the city.

"One and gone. I think they're gone," he said. "They lived across the street from the city attorney. It wasn't a big deal."

Canton resident Gholami, who spoke Tuesday, Jan. 8, said, "Keeping chickens is modern and progressive. This is not a unique request."

She noted nearby communities including Ferndale, permit small-scale chicken farms in yards.

Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams noted that the public comment segment of the regular meeting agenda might not be the most appropriate place to discuss the issue.

"This is not really the forum to do that," he told Gholami.

The farming advocate had informally used Facebook to ask Canton residents for their views, and wondered aloud at the meeting if individual homeowner associations could decide. Williams told her to email him so he can ask for legal information that applies to the situation and then follow up on her request.

Romulus mayor's 'State of City' message optimistic

LeRoy D. Burcroff

Romulus Mayor Leroy Burcroff struck an optimistic tone at his State of the City address last week, emphasizing challenges overcome, investment in the community and planning for the future.

"There's so many things that we've accomplished this past year," he told the crowd of residents, staff and officials from surrounding communities at the Romulus Athletic Center. "We did a lot of good work; it took a lot of people on our team. It took a team to make it happen."

Romulus followed the theme of 'climb, build, solve and soar,' as staff plotted their goals for 2018.

The year saw plenty of investment in the community, Burcroff said. There were 19 commercial projects either started or completed, along with 37 single-family residential developments as well as other specialty building projects. Altogether, it represented $80 million in investments in the community that also brought more than 3,000 new jobs, including those at companies like Amazon and Penske.

"We've had some really good investment in our community," he said.

Also important, Burcroff said, there were six re-occupancies in the downtown area. Burcroff said the good economic news validates the steps staff took after the visioning sessions the city hosted shortly after he was first elected as mayor in 2013. Those sessions stressed economic and job growth, and 2018 showed, again, that the city was on the

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sides of the aisle. The bill included grants from $75,000 up to the subject $10 million amount. The 73 projects placed on the spending bill were said to be missing documentation about deliberations, according to those concerned about the project.

State Rep, (R) Laura Cox, District 19, chair of the House Appropriation Committee in December, now seeking to become the chair of the state Republican Party, is rumored to have fostered the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MDEC) grant earmarked for the Salem Township project that was approved by the state Legislature in July 2017. According to Bridge Magazine, Cox recently claimed to have no knowledge of the details was quoted as saying "(it's) preposterous to believe that one person such as myself, a state rep, would have the ability to put a $10 million grant in the budget."

The builder, who now has $20 million to start construction, is the subject of critics who question the impact on the infrastructure, roads, schools, sewers and public safety.

According to Salem Township Supervisor Gary Whittaker, Schostak approached former Plymouth Township officials a few years ago to cut a deal for water and sewer usage. He said Schostak officials then asked Salem Township to borrow the money through a bond that would be paid off by developer fees. The township declined to participate, he said.

Plymouth Township officials and other board members spoke out after hearing of the payout reflecting their feelings and those of their constituents.

"Giving away taxpayer money to fund urban sprawl and create one-time jobs is not good policy," stated Plymouth Township Trustee Chuck Curmi.

"The $20 million is an atrocious waste of public monies. It subsidizes sprawl, mandates untold additional public infrastructure spending like widening M-14, and begs the question of how public safety will be provided. Why should any developer get a $35,000 per residence gift from the state to compete with other developers? How is this really an 'urban services district,' in the words of the appropriation bill [Senate Bill 601, page 75]? How many more pressing needs could have been met with these millions of dollars? It's a sad thing to see this rural farmland slated to become home to a different kind of pork," said PlymouthTownship Trustee Jack Dempsey.

"I have serious concerns about the proposed Salem Springs project. Water, sewer, roads, traffic, stormwater and public safety are all elements of the project that are not fully addressed. Salem Township is in no position to handle this radical change to their community, and Plymouth Township is not going to be left to bear the burden of this ill-conceived project. The fact that Michigan taxpayers have given $20 million to this private development just adds insult to injury," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise.

Ken Schwartz, supervisor of Superior Township which is sandwiched between Salem Township on the north and Ypsilanti Township on the south, said he is adamantly against the Schostek project. Schwartz said he's in the process of asking the governor and attorney general to investigate the issue.

"It's appalling that a big-wig republican with Lansing connections would make the taxpayers of Michigan pay for the water and sewer infrastructure for his own private, profit-driven housing development. This developer sings the praises of capitalism, then gleefully turns to corporate socialism to boost his profits. This is a total misallocation of tax dollars. Fix the damn roads. Governor Whitman are you hearing us? Please intervene on behalf of taxpayers and transparency," he said.

Evan Pratt, Washtenaw County water resources commissioner and director of public works, after hearing of the second $10 million grant, said he wanted to know the source of the funds.

"Awarding infrastructure grants without a competitive process and clear criteria (besides population) is really disturbing to those of us seeking help from the state for existing sewer problems and related public health issues. I guess there's two sets of rules for getting return on investment and the requirements are pretty skinny for a well-connected developer. I bet every legislator who voted for this represents one or more communities that could have used just 1/10th of that money back home."

Mikey Smith, vice president of Country Club Village Home Owners Association in Plymouth Township has been a resident since the area was built starting in 1997. The upscale subdivision backs up to Napier Road on the west side and will be near the new Salem Springs. Smith says "at the end of the day you can't stop development.'

"We feel the dollars could have been well spent on schools and public infrastructure, not private," he said.

Laura Cox

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State Sen. Jeff Irwin, D. Washtenaw County, was disturbed to hear of the project and was curious to know who requested the funding.

"It is concerning that the records surrounding the request for this funding are sealed. This is an example of the lack of transparency that exists in the appropriations process. The public deserves to know who requested this money and who this project benefits financially because from what I can gather, this process does not benefit the public."

Irwin represents the 18th Senate District, encompassing the cities of Ann Arbor, Saline, Ypsilanti, and Milan and the townships of Ann Arbor, Pittsfield, York, Augusta, Salem, Superior, and Ypsilanti.

"The state budget is not infinite and there are very real ways in which pork barrel projects like this affect our communities, schools, roads, and mental health care. I can think of better ways to spend $10 million of the taxpayer's money rather than subsidizing new McMansions."

Stonefly volunteers are needed

Friends of the Rouge are seeking volunteers for the Annual Winter Stonefly Search set for Jan. 26.

Pre-registration for volunteers is required for the opportunity to learn about what lives under the ice in local Rouge streams while giving back by helping collect data on the health of the river.

Interested volunteers must pre-register by phone at (734) 927-4904 or spetrella@therouge.org.

Volunteers will be meeting for the first time at Plymouth Arts and Recreation Center, 650 Church St, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The Stonefly Search is part of Friends of the Rouge long-term monitoring program that includes the Spring and Fall Bug Hunts.

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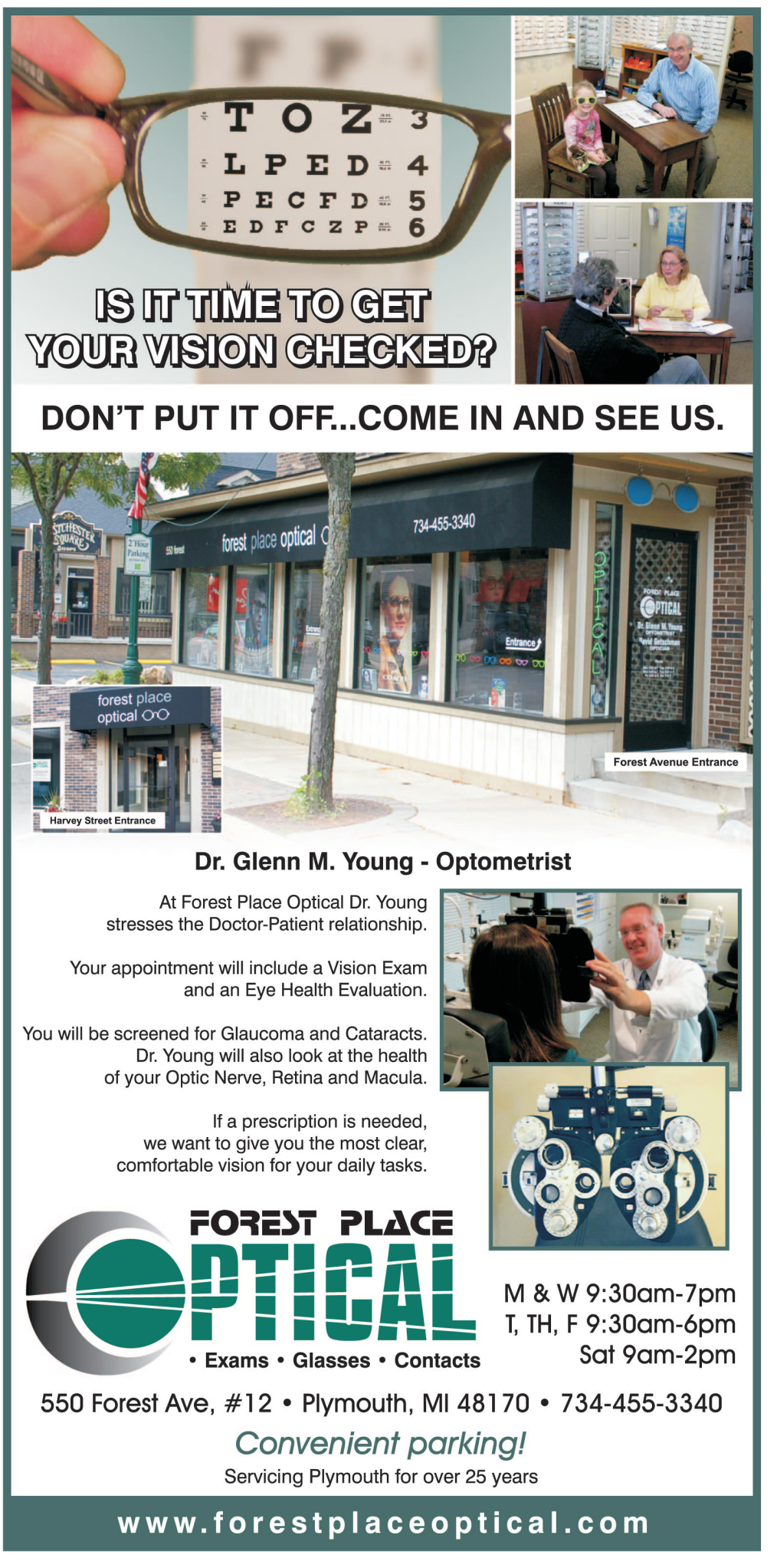
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Council changes public question procedure

Romulus City Council members will tweak the way they respond to citizens' comments after actions they took at the regular meeting recently.

Councilwoman Virginia Williams requested a resolution to respond to citizens' comments during that section of the agenda, rather than later in the meeting under the unfinished business agenda item.

"We are elected to serve the citizens of the city," she said. "As a reminder to this council, we must not forget that this is a council meeting and we are representing the city as well as the residents."

Normally, citizens voice concerns or ask questions under the citizens' comments section of the agenda and the council or administration answers those under unfinished business, which is the next agenda item. Williams said she looked into when the practice was changed and could not find a formal vote on it. Through her resolution, council or administration could respond right away.

The council voted 5-1 in support, with Councilwoman Tina Talley voting against and Council President John Barden absent. The lack of a formal action to change the agenda in the first place indicated that none was needed this time, however, according to Councilman William Wadsworth.

"We don't need a resolution to do this," he said. "We can just respond to the public as they speak."

> *I don't want our citizens to think we are ignoring them.*

Councilwoman Eva Webb agreed. She also wanted it known that responding during the public comments portion of the agenda isn't always practical.

"If we are not qualified to answer to a resident's question and if a department head is not here, I don't want our citizens to think we are ignoring them," said Webb. "Sometimes we don't have the answers. The only thing we can do is get the information."

Mayor Leroy Burcroff said it was always the intent of the council and administration to respond as quickly-and accurately-as possible.

"We're here to provide information and accurate facts, and that's what we're going to continue to do. What I'll try to do is take requests that come in and provide factual stuff back," he said.

He also noted that the podium was not necessarily a place to debate with the public and it can take time to look into citizen questions or concerns and report back.

"What I don't want to do is disrespect peoples' time that are there and I'm not going to debate people. If a topic comes up and the chair asks me to look into it and we have an answer-that's great. If we don't, I'm going to give you a thorough report, like we do, and let us investigate to report back. It may be under unfinished business, it may be a letter, it may be a legal document, if it's an employee issue," he said.

"I understand a lot of citizens have requests. It's our job to hear them out and direct them where they need to be," he added. "My intention is to answer it accurately and still try to respond under unfinished business whenever it's professionally done and if [the answer] is not available, we'll get back at whatever time is appropriate."

Public invited to sign new library steel beam

Construction of the new Belleville Area District Library will include a unique opportunity this Saturday.

Members of the community are invited to sign their names on a steel beam to be used in construction of the building in downtown Belleville. The library will serve Belleville, Van Buren and Sumpter townships.

Sharon Peters, president of the Library Board of Trustees, issued the invitation to the public to become a permanent part of the construction during a recent meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees. Peters told the board members and audience that the library board had first considered having only elected officials from the three communities sign the beam, but opted to invite the entire community as it is "the people's building."

The signings will begin at 11:30 a.m. just prior to the 12:30 meeting of the Friends of the Library. To sign, individuals will have to wear a hard hat into the construction zone and will need to use a special pen.

The steel columns are located near the entrance to the new building, and will be covered and inside walls when construction is complete.

Peters also thanked the members of the board for their personal donations to the library, which totaled $1,007.16. That amount, she said, was from the trustees and did not include any tax funds.

She said that Van Buren Township will be acknowledged on the donor wall to be erected as a permanent fixture in the new library. Donations to date have reached $300,000 of the $400,000 goal set by the library board, she added.

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right track.

Burcroff also pointed out several major grants the city received last year, including a $1.5 million SAFER grant, awards from FEMA, the Beaumont Foundation, a $1.5 million storm water enhancement grant and more that will help improve public safety services and provide additional services to the city. Last year, Romulus formed a Public Safety Foundation to raise funds for additional equipment for the departments.

"We're trying to get innovative and creative to get other funding so we're providing services and not reaching into the residents' pockets," he said.

Partnerships were also important. Romulus joined 18 other communities through the Conference of Western Wayne, St. Mary's Hospital and Growth Works, with funding from Lansing on a project coordinated through Wayne County that will help people impacted by the opioid crisis; the program helps people get the services and counseling they need to turn their lives around. Romulus also joined a lawsuit against drug companies to try to cut the epidemic off at its source.

"They're making too many drugs, they're distributing too many drugs," he said. "We have to do our part to fight against that."

Burcroff said the city is working with organizations like SEMCOG, the school district, SEMCA, Aerotropolis as well as neighboring communities to build on successes and further push the region forward.

"We can't do it alone. We're just one community," he said. "It takes a team; it takes a cooperative effort with all these partners. We need everyone working together to make us a better community and a better region."

This year will be one of potential for the community, he said. He anticipated launching a new source of revenue that would help fund city parks. Construction at the 34th District Court building, which broke ground last year, is already well under way. The city is also developing a new strategic plan for the nearly 1,000 acres of vacant land near I-94 and Vining roads.

Given the advantages the community has with its relatively low tax rate, proximity to major cities, position near transportation hubs and quality of services, he said he was optimistic, but warned that municipal funding remained a challenge.

"We have a lot of challenges coming up this year. 2019 is going to be a tough year of decisions. It's going to be a tough year of choices. It's going to be a tough year of making sure we're planning ahead for our future and for our kids," he told the crowd.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2019
6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 7, 2019 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

1. (Tabled from September 2018) Application 1578, R78-027-01-0119-000, 40600 Ann Arbor TR, C-1 zoning district is requesting a use variance to the C-1 zoning district to allow a motor vehicle repair shop whereas this type of business is not allowed within the C-1 district. Variance requested a Use Variance to the C-1 Zoning District.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
FEBRUARY 14, 2019

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, February 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM.** The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jim Cisek, Vicki Welty, Craig Engel, Greg Greco and James Malinowski.
Alternate: Gregory Demopoulos

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes:
JANUARY 10th, 2019 Meeting Minutes

General Calendar:

1. Applicant Pat Williams, Township Supervisor, for property located at 41500 Warren Road, on the north side of Warren between North Lilley and Haggerty Road, Zoning R-5, appealing Section 2.16 C Exceptions to Height Standards (setbacks due to additional height) Parcel ID 71-041-99-0006-000, 71-041-99-0003-000, and 71-041-99-0004-000 (Planning)

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Phone 734-394-5120.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 7, 2019

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Councilwoman Pro Tem Tina Talley.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Kathy Abdo, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, Eva Webb, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams.
Excused: John Barden.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
1. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Webb** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-001 2A. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 26, 2018. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Roscoe, Talley, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Abstain** – Wadsworth. **Motion Carried**.
3. Petitioner
4. Chairperson's Report
Councilwoman Pro Tem Talley sat in for Mayor Pro Tem Barden. She spoke about the ribbon cutting at Clean to the Bone Restaurant. She also spoke about how Mr. Bokon, from J. T. Towing, gave milk to residents after a truck carrying milk was involved in an accident. The annual soul food dinner will take place on February 7, 2019. Councilman Wadsworth spoke about the break-ins on Barth Road and that the suspect was arrested by Romulus Police.
19-002 4A. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Luellar "Sarah" Steel. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Abdo** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. Mayor's Report
Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events.
19-003 5A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an extension of the Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP) Memorandum of Agreement with Wayne Metro Community Action Agency with the provision to terminate the agreement with a thirty-day written notice.
Discussion: Councilman Wadsworth commented that there is no list of criteria. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-004 5B. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Abdo** to authorize renewal of the Downriver Community Conference membership dues on an annual basis until such time the City no longer wishes to participate or budget for this expenditure. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6A. Clerk's Report
19-005 6A1 (a). Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Geneva P. Hampton. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-006 6A1. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Roscoe** to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 18/19-19, General Fund – which was introduced at the Council meeting of Dec. 26, 2018 **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6B. Treasurer's Report
19-007 6B1. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adopt a resolution to recognize former City of Romulus employee, Jeremy Taylor. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
7. Public Comment
House Representative Alex Garza announced the hours at his Lansing office: Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and his telephone number: 517-373-0852.
8. Unfinished Business
19-008 8A. Moved by **Williams,** seconded by **Abdo** to respond to citizens under Number 7 on the Agenda - Public Comment instead of Number 8 – Unfinished Business. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – Talley. **Motion Carried**.
9. New Business
10. Communication
Councilwoman Abdo gave a reminder that tickets are still available (and can be purchased at the door) for the annual Drug Task Force Bowling fundraiser. Councilwoman Williams announced that the 13th District quarterly meeting will take place on Saturday, January 12, 2019. City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg announced the Martin Luther King Day Celebration/Walk will take place on Monday, January 21, 2019.
19- 009 11. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Roscoe** to pay Warrant 19-01 in the amount of $1,169,790.04. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
12. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 7, 2019.
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Canton

Flying high

Scouts contribute to area while earning rank of Eagle

Scout Master Brian Ward, at left, top row, of Boy Scout Troop 854 in Canton Township and Committee Chair Brian Spencer congratulate Scouts Damian Dailide, Evan McKimmy, Noah Wood, Alex Hazelgrove, David Garvey and Erik Bunge, along with Eagle Coach Chris Garvey, on the projects completed by the Scouts last year. From left, bottom row, are Scouts Collin Harvey, Thomas Wall, Steve Garvey, Max Vredeveld and Joe Roggenbush.

Scouts from one Canton Township troop spent more than 3,000 man hours last year working on community projects.

Fifteen boys from Scout Troop 854, based at St. Michaels Church in Canton, spent the long hours working on their individual Eagle Scout projects. Eagle Scout is the highest rank in the Boy Scouts and takes several years of work to achieve, leaders noted.

One of the requirements for the Eagle rank is the management and completion of a major service project for an approved organization such as a school or charity group. Scouts from Troop 854 worked on a wide variety of projects this year, ranging from environmental projects, park beautification, and even social welfare.

Some of the largest projects were taken on by Breven Heers, a senior at Canton High School, who completely refurbished a house to be used as an outreach center. Another Scout, Salem High School senior David Garvey, built a full stage/band shell pavilion for Life Church while senior Thomas Wall created a rain garden located at Hulsing Elementary School. Other Eagle Scout projects of Troop 854 members included compost bins built for the DTE Community Gardens by Erik Bunge; feral cat shelters built for the Huron Valley Humane Society by Damian Dailide; community sports courts built by Steve Garvey; vocational training board created by Collin Harvey; friendship benches built at Ericksson Elementary School by Alex Hazelgrove; a community garden built at Hesed House Outreach Center by Justice Heers: owl houses built for the Canton Township Parks Department by Evan McKimmy: picnic tables built for Maybury State Park by Joe Roggenbush: a storage area build for Risen Christ Lutheran Church by Lucas Vogeli; a fire pit and benches built for Christ Lutheran Church by Seth Vogeli; picnic tables for East Middle School built by Maz Vredeveld and even a community ball pit built by Noah Wood.

"These projects allow Scouts to gain a sense of service to the community as well as project and financial management." said Brian Ward, Troop 854 Scout Master. "The community impact is also long term since most of these projects will last for years to come" added Chris Garvey, Eagle Scout Coach for Troop 854.

Nearly all 15 Scouts have achieved their Eagle rank while a few are awaiting their Eagle Board of Review, noted John McKimmy. "Most all are expected to be complete by the end of April."

University Women present annual 'Snow White'

Children will enjoy a live stage production of "Snow White" thanks to the Plymouth-Canton Branch, American Association of University Women.

The play will be staged at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, The Saturday morning show and Thursday show will be preceded by a 45-minute cast presentation geared to Girl and Boy Scouts with others welcome to attend.

The play, to be presented at Garden City High School, on Middlebelt Road north of Ford Road, has been staged "a little less than 60 years" total, co-director Mickey Edell said.

"The idea is to present them with live drama. We invite anybody young at heart to join us. We've had really nice crowds," said Edell, a retired Plymouth-Canton Schools speech and language pathologist who has been doing the play for 30 years. She is co-directing with Ed Polce.

"We encourage the children to participate by responding to what's happening on stage. We encourage that feedback at times during the performances," Edell said.

The children and their families, who hear 21st-century language, enjoy modern dance steps "because they're familiar with what's new in the music and dance arenas," she added. The kids sometimes just sit still to listen and learn.

"We provide an opportunity for them to get in the mix," she said. Cast members, many of whom are longtime participants, enjoy it.

"So it always makes it feel it's worth our time and effort," said Edell, noting other actors have been involved even longer.

Tickets cost $6 online at www.PlymouthCanton-mi.aauw.net and $7 at the door. Profits help to support college scholarships for women. For ticket information, call (734) 716-1833.

The play was moved to the Garden City High School due to cost issues.

"That's worked out very well," said Edell, noting great staff and district cooperation. The play reaches children in Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Garden City, Northville, Novi, Wayne, Westland and others.

Garden City High School is located at 6500 Middlebelt Road.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

PROHIBITION OF MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 1016

AMENDMENT #21

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE A TITLE FOR THE ORDINANCE; TO DEFINE WORDS; TO PROHIBIT MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PURSUANT TO INITIATED LAW 1 OF 2018, MCL 333.27951 ET SEQ., AS MAY BE AMENDED; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Ordinance No. 1016, Amendment #21, the Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments Ordinance, is hereby adopted to read as follows:

SECTION I. TITLE

This ordinance shall be known as and may be cited as the Charter Township of Plymouth Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments Ordinance.

SECTION II. DEFINITIONS

Words used herein shall have the definitions as provided for in Initiated Law 1 of 2018, MCL 333.27951 *et seq*., as may be amended.

SECTION III. NO MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS

The Charter Township of Plymouth hereby prohibits all marihuana establishments within the boundaries of the Township pursuant to Initiated Law 1 of 2018, MCL 333.27951 *et seq*., as may be amended.

SECTION IV. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

1. Any person who disobeys neglects or refuses to comply with any provision of this ordinance or who causes allows or consents to any of the same shall be deemed to be responsible for the violation of this ordinance. A violation of this ordinance is deemed to be a nuisance per se.

2. A violation of this ordinance is a municipal civil infraction, for which the fines shall not be less than $100 nor more than $500, in the discretion of the Court. The foregoing sanctions shall be in addition to the rights of the Township to proceed at law or equity with other appropriate and proper remedies. Additionally, the violator shall pay costs which may include all expenses, direct and indirect, which the Township incurs in connection with the municipal civil infraction.

3. Each day during which any violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

4. In addition, the Township may seek injunctive relief against persons alleged to be in violation of this ordinance, and such other relief as may be provided by law.

5. This ordinance shall be administered and enforced by the Ordinance Enforcement Officer of the Township, by a peace officer, or by such other person(s) as designated by the Township Board from time to time.

SECTION V. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

SECTION VI. SAVINGS CLAUSE

The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION VI. PUBLICATION

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Charter Township of Plymouth Board Trustees at its regular meeting called and held on the 22nd day of January, 2019, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

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Jerry Vorva, Clerk

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Sale of Main Street School will proceed

Following a ruling by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge David J. Allen last week, the sale and demolition of Main Street Elementary School will proceed as planned.

Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan recommended to the city council that the city not appeal the decision issued Allen, who ruled in favor of the school district.

The city sued the school district last year in an effort to force Northville Public Schools to apply to the Historic District Commission prior to the planned demolition of the Main Street School building.

In the legal filings, the city claimed that the commission has jurisdiction under state law and that all building owners in the Historic District are required to follow the same process.

Sullivan told the members of the city council that the city has done all that "we can reasonably do to uphold our Historic Preservation Ordinance and the State Historic Preservation Statute."

He advised the council that appealing the court decision would take additional time and resources for both the city and the school district.

"When balancing this factor, along with the probability of a successful appeal, the potential for an additional appeal beyond that, and what is in the best interest of the community as a whole, I do not believe that the city should pursue an appeal," he told the members of the council last week.

The judge entered his order allowing the sale and demolition Jan. 14 agreeing with the Northville Public Schools position that the building and land were not subject to the city Historic District Preservation ordinance and did not need approval from the Historic District Commission to sell the land to the developer.

The judge did agree to a 21-day stay of the order to allow the city to appeal the decision.

In a written statement regarding the decision, Superintendent of Schools Mary Kay Gallagher noted that the school district has been consistent in messaging that maintaining both the Old Village and Main Street facilities, "is cost prohibitive, not feasible or fiscally responsible. At the same time, the feedback from our community has been overwhelmingly in favor of restoring the historic Old Village School, which had been vacant since 2012, over the Main Street facility.

According to Gallagher, the school district has worked diligently to restore and repurpose Old Village School, which opened in October 2018, while also engaging in an exhaustive and transparent decision-making process to arrive at an outcome for the Main Street property "that has been widely embraced by our community," she said in the prepared statement.

In August 2018, members of the board of education approved a resolution to negotiate a purchase agreement with a developer for up to four single-family homes to be built on five lots on the Main Street property.

The developer will donate a green space buffer between Old Village School and the property line for a pocket park on school district property.

"The decision reached by the Northville Board of Education - following months of study, a transparent decision-making process, and multiple opportunities for public input - represents a win-win outcome for the school district and the community, given the level of support by the community for single-family homes at the Main Street site, along with the overwhelming support for the renovation of the historic Old Village School," Gallagher said in the prepared statement.

Suspects still sought in Inkster fatal shooting

Michigan State Police investigators said there are no leads in the investigation of a shooting last week that claimed the life of an uninvolved man.

According to police reports, a 28-year-old resident of the city was struck by what appears to have been a stray bullet fired from a half a block away from his home. The bullet entered the front of the home on the 26900 block of Notre Dame in Inkster and struck the man on the left side of his head. Michigan State Police responded to several reports of gunfire at about 8:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11. Family members and neighbors reporting hearing four to six gunshots before witnessing two vehicles fleeing the area. No description of the vehicles was provided by witnesses, according to police reports.

The victim was in an upstairs bedroom of the home when he was struck by the bullet, police reported. His mother and sister were also in the home at the time of the incident.

The man was transported to a local hospital for treatment of his injuries but died early last week.

Michigan State Police used K-9 units to search the scene and the evidence was processed by the Inkster Police Department, but there are currently no leads in the investigation, according to police reports.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact police at (734) 287-5000.

Board

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Northville resident for more than 35 years. She was originally appointed as a trustee in March 2001 to replace Bill Pomeroy and served until November 2012, when she was elected township treasurer. In addition to serving on the Board of Trustees, she has been a representative on the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and Brownfield Redevelopment Association (BRA), has served on the Historic District Commission (HDC), the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Banner's appointment as township clerk left her position as township treasurer vacant.

Nix nominated Shadko, a current member of the board of trustees, to fill the role of township treasurer for the remainder of that term, also expiring in 2020. The motion was unanimously approved by the members of the board of trustees.

Shadko has been a Northville resident for more than 22 years and has been a trustee since November of 2012. In addition to serving on the Board of Trustees, Shadko has been on the Historic District Commission since 2011 and is currently also serving on the Planning Commission. He has served on the EDC and BRA in the past and is also the current SEMCOG alternate. He has had perfect attendance at all board of trustees meeting since being elected.

Shadko's appointment left a vacancy on the board for which Nix recommended Frush. That appointment was also approved by a vote of the board of trustees.

Frush has been a resident of Northville for 7 years. He has served on the Friends of the Northville District Library and on the Northville Education Foundation and is currently serving on the Economic Development Corporation.

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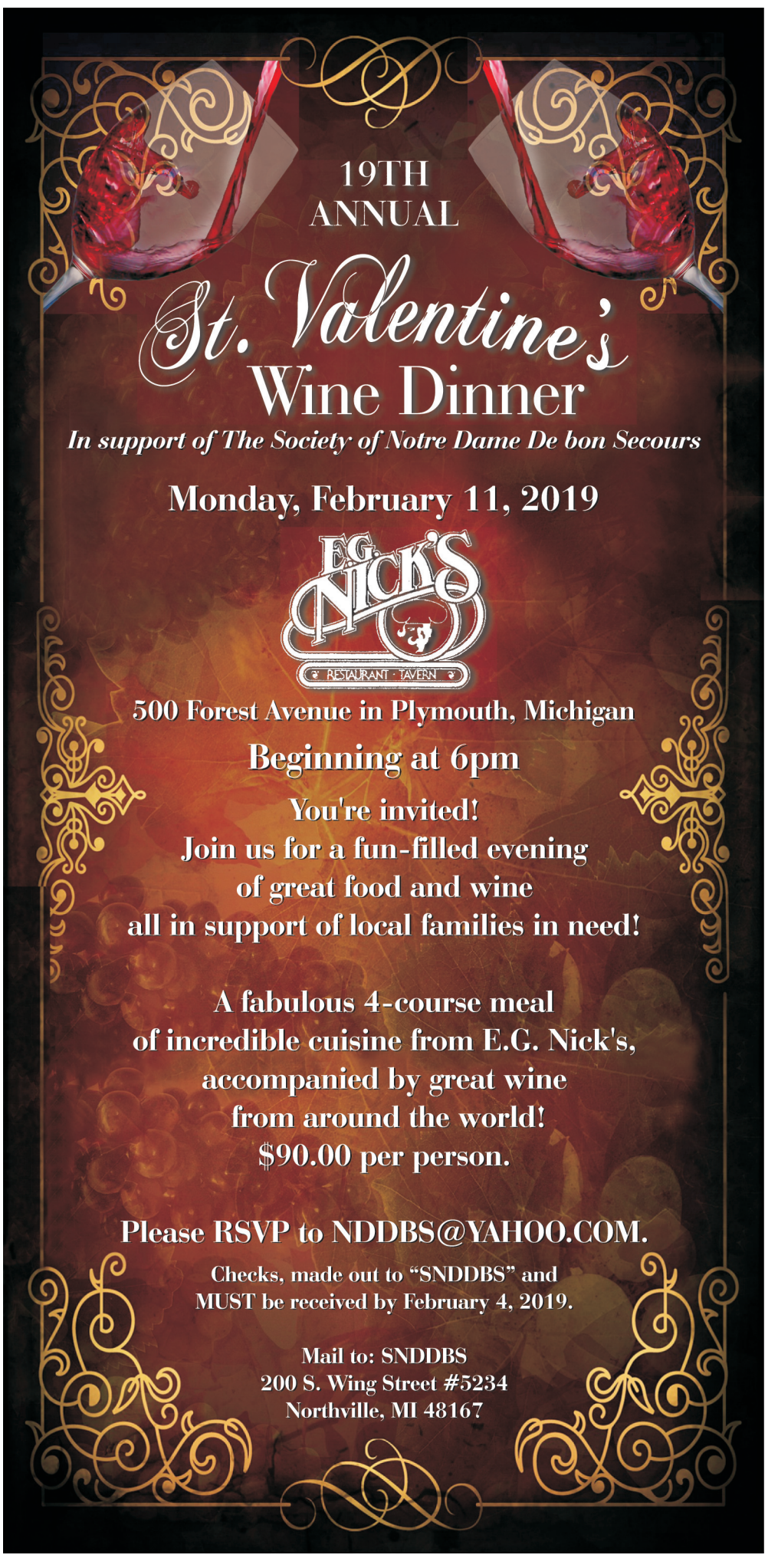
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Westland police seeking thief of senior's purse

The Westland Police are attempting to identify the person who stole the purse of a 77-year-old woman while she was grocery shopping at Kroger.

The purse was taken from the victim's grocery cart and she was not harmed, according to police. The theft occurred at about 11 a.m. Jan. 7 at the Kroger store located at 31300 Michigan Ave. Video surveillance shows the subject walking out of the store with the victim's purse.

The thief is described as black, but it is not clear if this is a male or female. The subject is wearing a grey coat with what appears to be a pink zipper, grey pants, and black shoes, police said.

Anyone with any information regarding this incident, is asked to contact the Westland detective bureau, (734) 467-3189.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

PROHIBITION OF MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 1016

AMENDMENT #22

AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT THE TOWNSHIP CRIMINAL CODE; TO PROVIDE FOR ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE STATE PENAL CODE; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY STATE LAW MISDEMEANOR VIOLATION IS A VIOLATION OF THE TOWNSHIP CRIMINAL CODE; TO PROVIDE THAT POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PARAPHERNALIA AND CHEMICAL AGENTS ARE UNLAWFUL; TO PROVIDE THAT MISREPRESENTING ONE'S AGE TO OBTAIN ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR IS UNLAWFUL; TO PROVIDE THAT POSSESSION OR USE OF TOBACCO, VAPOR PRODUCTS OR ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS IS UNLAWFUL; TO PROVIDE THAT OPEN HOUSE PARTIES ARE UNLAWFUL; TO PROVIDE THAT PROSTITUTION IS UNLAWFUL; TO PROVIDE THAT ANIMAL CRUELTY IS UNLAWFUL; TO PROVIDE THAT FRAUDULENT SCHEMES ARE UNLAWFUL; TO PROVIDE THAT BREACH OF THE PEACE IS UNLAWFUL; TO PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC INTOXICATION IS UNLAWFUL; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Ordinance No. 1016, the Criminal Code Supplementation Ordinance, is hereby adopted to read as follows:

VII-2.00 Criminal Code, adoption by reference.

(A) The Charter Township of Plymouth, pursuant to and as allowed by Section 23 of Public Act 359 of 1947, MCL § 42.23, adopts by reference the following provisions of the State Penal Code, Public Act 328 of Public Acts of 1931, as amended, the Fraudulent Access to Computers, Computer Systems, and Computer Networks Act, Public Act 53 of 1979, as amended, and the Carless, Reckless, or Negligent Use of Firearms Ac, Act 45 of 1952, as amended. The following statutes are in addition to, and not a replacement of, the state law provisions already adopted by the Charter Township of Plymouth and codified in this Section.

MCL §§ 333.7404, 750.15, 750.27, 750.28, 750.33(a), 750.38, 750.39, 750.40, 750.42b(2), 750.49, 750.50, 750.50a, 750.51, 750.52, 750.57, 750.66, 750.77, 750.81, 750.95a, 750.103, 750.108, 750.109a, 750.115, 750.120a, 7750.120b, 750.131, 750.135a, 750.136b(1) and (8-10), 750.137, 750.141 through 750.145, 750.145a-750.145f, 750.157s; 750.157w, 750.168(1), 750.169, 750.170, 750.174(1-2), 750.174a(2), 750.181(1-2), 750.184, 750.197a, 750.199, 750.204b, 750.204c, 750.214, 750.215, 750.216, 750.216a, 750.216b, 750.217a, 750.217g, 750.217h, 750.218(2), 750.219a(2)(a), 750.221, 750.223(1), 750.227d, 750.229, 750.231c, 750.232, 750.232a(1), 750.233, 750.234, 750.234d, 750.234e, 750.234f, 750.235, 750.235a, 750.237(1-2), 750.240, 750.241, 750.282, 750.291, 750.292, 750.335, 750.337, 750.352, 750.355, 750.356, 750.356d, 750.364, 750.368(1-3), 750.369, 750.370, 750.377a(1)(d), 750.380(5), 750.381, 750.382, 750.383, 750.384, 750.385, 750.387, 750.388, 750.390, 750.391, 750.394 through 750.396, 750.398, 750.400, 750.411a, 750.411d, 750.411g, 750.411h, 750.414a, 750.415, 750.416, 750.419, 750.421b, 750.421c, 750.448, 750.449a through 750.451, 750.462, 750.463, 750.464a, 750.465, 750.467, 750.468, 750.469, 750.471, 750.473, 750.477a, 750.479c, 750.481, 750.483, 750.485, 750.487, 750.489, 750.490a, 750.492a(1)(d), 750.493, 750.493a, 750.493b, 750.493c, 750.493d, 750.493e, 750.495, 750.495a(1), 750.496, 750.497, 750.498, 750.498b(1), 750.501, 750.502c, 750.507, 750.507b, 750.510, 750.518, 750.533, 750.534, 750.535(1) and (5), 750.536a, 750.539b, 750.540a, 750.540b, 750.540e, 750.540f(1), 750.540g(1)(a), 750.541, 750.542, 750.543, 750.546, 750.547, 750.548, 750.549, 750.550, 750.551, 750.552, 750.552a, 750.556, 750.562, 750.563, 750.564, 750.565, 750.566, 752.791-750.794, 752.797(1)(a), 752.861, 752.862, and 752.863c.

(B) State Law Misdemeanor Violations. Every act prohibited by state law as a misdemeanor is hereby prohibited, and whoever violates the provisions of this section within the Township shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by the same penalty provided by state law, except that the penalty shall, in no case, exceed a fine of $500 or imprisonment for 93 days, or both.

VII-2.01-2.07 (Unchanged)

VII-2.08 Possession and/or Use of Controlled Substances and/or Chemical Agents

(A) It is unlawful for any person to use or knowingly or intentionally to possess lysergic acid diethlamide, peyote, mescaline, dimethyltryptamine, psicolyn, or such other substances as defined in Schedules 1-5 of Public Act 368 of 1978, as amended (MCL 333.7336), of the State of Michigan, unless the substance was obtained directly from or pursuant to a valid prescription or order of practitioner ("practitioner" being defined as in Subdivisions (a) and (b) of MCL 333.7109, as amended) while acting in the course of his professional practice or except as otherwise authorized by this section.

(B) First offenders. When any person who has not previously been convicted as set forth herein or under any statute of the United States or state law or municipal ordinance relating to possession or use of the substances as defined herein pleads guilty to or is found guilty of violating this section, the court, without entering a judgment of guilt and with the consent of the accused person, may defer further proceedings and place the accused person on probation upon certain terms and conditions, including therein such requirement that the accused person attend courses of instruction or rehabilitation on the medical, psychological and social effects of the misuse of drugs and/or the substances defined herein. Upon violation of a term of condition, the court may enter an adjudication of guilt and proceed as the court determines. Upon fulfillment of the terms and conditions, the court shall discharge the person and dismiss the proceeding against him. Discharge and dismissal under this section shall be without adjudication of guilt and is not a conviction for the purposes of disqualifications or disabilities imposed by law upon the conviction of a crime. There may be only one discharge and dismissal under this subsection with respect to any person. The Department of Public Safety shall retain a nonpublic record of an arrest and discharge or dismissal under this subsection. This record shall be furnished to any court or police agency upon request for the purpose of showing that a defendant in a criminal action involving possession or use of the substances as defined above has already once availed himself of the provisions of this subsection.

(C) Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. A person shall not possess drug paraphernalia as defined by section 7451 of Public Act No. 368 of 1978 (MCL 333.7451) knowing that the drug paraphernalia will be used to plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture, compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, conceal, inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled substance as defined by part 71 of Public Act No. 368 of 1978 (MCL 333.7101 et seq.). This subsection shall not apply to the lawful use of marihuana, but shall apply to possession of marihuana paraphernalia by persons less than 21 years of age.

(D) Hypodermic syringes, needles, etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to have, possess, sell, offer to sell, dispense or give away any hypodermic syringe, needle or any other instrument or implement for the illegal use of narcotic or dangerous or hallucinatory drugs as defined by state law, by subcutaneous injection or intracutaneous injection or any other manner or method of introduction and which is possessed, sold, offered, dispensed or given away for that purpose.

(E) Loitering about places where controlled substances, etc., are illegally stored, kept or used. It shall be unlawful for any person, knowing that the controlled substances, devices and/or other instruments enumerated and prescribed within this section are being illegally sold, dispensed, furnished, given away, stored kept or used, to loiter about, frequent or be present in such building, apartment, automobile, beat or place of any description wherein such illegal activity is being carried on, conducted or operated or wherein such illegal substances, devices and/or instruments prescribed herein are being illegally kept or stored.

(F) Use of chemical agents.

(1) As used in this section, the term "chemical agent" means any substance containing a toxic chemical or organic solvent or both, having the property of releasing toxic vapors. The term includes, but is not limited to, glue, acetone, toluene, carbon tetrachloride, hydrocarbons and hydrocarbon derivatives.

(2) No person shall, for the purpose of causing a condition of intoxication, euphoria, excitement, exhilaration, stupefaction or dulling of the senses of nervous system, intentionally smell or inhale the fumes of any chemical agent, drug or other substance or matter or intentionally drink, eat or otherwise introduce any model glue, drug or other substance or matter into his respiratory or circulatory system. This section shall not prohibit the inhalation of any anesthesia for medical or dental purposes.

(3) Any person who assists, aids, abets, or encourages any person to violate the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(G) Controlled substances to be kept in original package. It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly possess any controlled substance as defined in MCL § 333.7212, MCL § 333.7214, MCL § 333.7216, MCL § 333.7218 and MCL § 333.7220, and as amended, commonly referred to Schedule 1 through Schedule 5 controlled substances, unless it is kept in the original package or container in which they were received from a person who may lawfully prescribe or dispense controlled substances; provided, that this subsection shall not be construed to apply to any duly licensed medical doctor, osteopathic physician, dentist, veterinarian, or chiropodist, or to any authorized person acting directly under their supervision or control.

(H) Possession or use of marihuana by a person under 21 years of age. It shall be unlawful for any person under 21 years of age to knowingly or intentionally possess or use marihuana.

VII-2.09 Misrepresenting age to obtain alcoholic liquor.

(A) No person under the age of 21 years shall by documentary evidence falsely represent himself to be 21 years of age or over for the purpose of purchasing or attempting to purchase any alcoholic liquor nor shall any person under the age of 21 years give such false information regarding his age to any person selling alcoholic liquor for the purpose of securing a sale thereof to himself or any other person under the age of 21 years.

(B) No person shall furnish false documentary evidence to any person under 21 years of age to be used by any such person for the purpose of obtaining alcoholic beverages.

(C) Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall be subject to a maximum fine of $500 and/or a maximum imprisonment of 93 days.

VII-2.10 Possession or use of tobacco, vapor products or alternative nicotine products.

(A) Definitions. As used in this section, the following definitions shall apply:

"Chewing tobacco" means loose tobacco or a flat, compressed cake of tobacco which is inserted into the mouth to be chewed or sucked.

"Vapor product" or "alternative nicotine product" means a noncombustible product containing nicotine or not that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical, or mechanical means regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce vapor from nicotine or not in a solution or other form. "Vapor product" includes an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device and a vapor cartridge or other container of nicotine in a solution or other form than is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device. "Vapor product" does not include a product regulated as a drug or device by the United States Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") under subchapter V of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 USC 351 to 360FFF-7.

"Tobacco snuff" means shredded, powdered or pulverized tobacco which may be inhaled through the nostrils, chewed or placed against the gums.

(B) Possession or use in public place prohibited. A person under 18 years of age shall not possess or smoke cigarettes or cigars, or possess or chew, suck, or inhale chewing tobacco or tobacco snuff, or possess or use tobacco in any other form, or possess or smoke vapor product or alternative nicotine products on a public highway, street, alley, park, or other lands used for public purposes, or in a public place of business or amusement.

(C) Penalty. A person who violates subsection (b) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than $50.00 for each offense. Pursuant to a probation order, the court may require a person who violates subsection (b) of this section to participate in a health promotion and risk reduction assessment program, if available. A probationer who is ordered to participate in a health promotion and risk reduction assessment program under this section is responsible for the cost of participating in the program. In addition, a person who violates this section is subject to the following:

(1) For the first violation the court may order the person to do one of the following:

a. Perform not more than 16 hours of community service in a hospice, nursing home or long term care facility.

b. Participate in a health promotion and risk reduction program, as described in this subsection.

(2) For a second violation, in addition to participation in a health promotion risk reduction program, the court may order the person to perform not more than 32 hours of community service in a hospice, nursing home, or long term care facility.

(3) For a third or subsequent violation, in addition to participation in a health promotion and risk reduction program, the court may order the person to perform not more than 48 hours of community service in a hospice, nursing home or long term care facility.

VII-2.09. Open house parties.

(A) Definitions:

"Alcoholic beverage" means an alcoholic liquor as defined in section 105 the Michigan Liquor Control Code of 1998 (MCL 436.1105 et seq.).

"Allow" means to give permission for, or approval of, possession or consumption of an alcoholic beverage or a controlled substance, by any of the following means:
(1) In writing.
(2) By one or more oral statements.
(3) By any form of conduct, including a failure to take corrective action, that would cause a reasonable person to believe that permission or approval has been given.
"Control over any premises, residence, or other real property" means the authority to regulate, direct, restrain, superintend, control, or govern the conduct of other individuals on or within that premises, residence, or other real property, and includes, but is not limited to, a possessory right.

"Controlled substance" means that term as defined in section 7104 of Public Act No. 368 of 1978 (MCL 333.7104).

"Corrective action" means any of the following:

(1) Making a prompt demand that the minor or other individual depart from the premises, residence, or other real property, or refrain from the unlawful possession or consumption of the alcoholic beverage or controlled substance on or within that premises, residence, or other real property, and taking additional action described in subsection (2) or (3) of this definition if the minor or other individual does not comply with the request.
(2) Making a prompt report of the unlawful possession or consumption of alcoholic liquor or a controlled substance to a law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the violation.
(3) Making a prompt report of the unlawful possession or consumption of alcoholic liquor or a controlled substance to another person having a greater degree of authority or control over the conduct of persons on or within the premises, residence, or other real property.
Minor means an individual less than 21 years of age.

"Premises" means a permanent or temporary place of assembly, other than a residence, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

(1) A meeting hall, meeting room, or conference room.
(2) A public or private park.

"Residence" means a permanent or temporary place of dwelling, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

(1) A house, apartment, condominium, or mobile home.
(2) A cottage, cabin, trailer, or tent.
(3) A motel unit, hotel unit, or bed and breakfast unit.
Social gathering means an assembly of two or more individuals for any purpose, unless all of the individuals attending the assembly are members of the same household or immediate family.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this section, an owner, tenant, or other person having control over any premises, residence, or other real property shall not do either of the following:

(1) Knowingly allow a minor to consume or possess an alcoholic beverage at a social gathering on or within that premises, residence, or other real property.
(2) Knowingly allow any individual to consume or possess a controlled substance at a social gathering on or within that premises, residence, or other real property.

(C) This section does not apply to the use, consumption, or possession of a controlled substance by an individual pursuant to a lawful prescription, or to the use, consumption, or possession of an alcoholic beverage by a minor for religious purposes.

(D) Evidence of all of the following gives rise to a rebuttable presumption that the defendant allowed the consumption or possession of an alcoholic beverage or a controlled substance on or within the premises, residence, or other real property, in violation of this section:

(1) The defendant had control over the premises, residence, or other real property.
(2) The defendant knew that a minor was consuming or in possession of an alcoholic beverage or knew that an individual was consuming or in possession of a controlled substance at a social gathering on or within that premises, residence, or other real property.
(3) The defendant failed to take corrective action.

(E) This section does not authorize selling or furnishing an alcoholic beverage to a minor.

(F) A criminal penalty provided for under this section may be imposed in addition to any penalty that may be imposed for any other criminal offense arising from the same conduct.

VII-2.10 Prostitution

(A) No person shall commit or offer or agree to commit a lewd act or an act of prostitution, or moral perversion.

(B) No person shall secure or offer another for the purpose of committing a lewd act, or an act of prostitution, or moral perversion.

(C) No person shall be in or near any place frequented by the public or any public place for the purpose of inducing, enticing or procuring another to commit a lewd act, or an act of prostitution or moral perversion.

(D) No person shall knowingly transport any person to any place for the purpose of committing a lewd act, or an act of prostitution or moral perversion.

(E) No person shall knowingly receive, or offer to or agree to receive, any person into any place or building for the purpose of performing a lewd act, or an act of prostitution or moral perversion, or knowingly permit any person to remain in any place or building for any such purpose.
(F) No person shall direct or offer to direct any person to any place or building for the purpose of committing any lewd act, or act of prostitution or moral perversion.

VII-2.11 Animal Cruelty

It shall be unlawful for any owner, possessor or person having the charge or custody of any animal within the township to abandon any diseased, maimed, hopelessly sick, infirm or disabled animal in any place within the township, or willfully or negligently to permit and allow any aged, diseased, maimed, hopelessly sick, infirm or disabled animal in any place within the township to suffer unnecessary torture or pain, or to treat any animal cruelly.

VII-2.12 Fraudulent schemes.

It shall be unlawful for any person within the township to engage in any fraudulent scheme, device or trick to obtain money or other valuable thing, or to aid or abet or in any manner to be concerned therein.

VII-2.13 Breach of peace.

Any person who shall make or assist in making any noise, disturbance, trouble or improper diversion, rout or riot, by which the peace and good order of the township are unreasonably disturbed, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

VII-2.14 Public intoxication.

Any person who is publicly intoxicated in a public place, and who is either endangering the safety of another person or of property or is acting in a manner that unreasonably creates a public disturbance, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION III. PENALTY.

The penalty for violation of this Code shall be a maximum of 90 days in jail and/or a maximum fine of $500 or both, unless the penalty under state law for a violation of the pertinent section is a maximum 93 days in jail, in which case the penalty for violation under this ordinance shall be a maximum of 93 days in jail and/or a maximum fine of $500 or both.

SECTION IV. REPEAL.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION V. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

SECTION VI. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION VII. PUBLICATION.

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Charter Township of Plymouth Board Trustees at its regular meeting called and held on the 22nd day of January, 2019, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

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Jerry Vorva, Clerk

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Story time

Library offers early reading encouragement

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Staff Writer

When Westland Children's Librarian Tamie Bird talks - or, for that matter, dances and sings - children and their families listen.

"Are you excited for Storytime?" she asked children as a recent "Sleepytime Storytime" started at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. "Are you turning 1?" she asked one tot.

The evening Storytime began with Bird leading children in the "Hello Song." As they finished, Bird said, "That made me really dizzy. I think I need to sit down."

The first book that session, "Froggie Gets Dressed," taught the seated children how to keep warm: snow pants, boots, a hat and more.

"He got worn out from taking on and off his clothes," Bird told the children.

The children danced as Bird sang, "You put your mittens in, you put your mittens out, you to the Winter-pokey and that's what it's all about." The mention of Froggie's underwear had the little ones laughing.

"The Jacket I Wear in the Snow" was the next book, with a construction paper craft to follow. Children's librarians and educators agree early reading matters in making children lifelong learners.

"Our Storytimes are very popular with Westland area families. Each week, we offer Sleepytime Storytime on Monday, Babytime on Tuesdays, Toddler Tales on Wednesday, and Preschool Storytime on Fridays," explained library Head of Youth Services Caryn Bartone.

"Biggby Storytime is offered the second Thursday of every month at the 36640 Ford Road, Westland. The Storytimes are "walk-in" programs, which means no registration is required. The use of picture books, songs, and told stories encourage the children to read, talk, sing, write and play. These five simple practices: reading, talking, singing, writing, and playing are used to develop language and pre-reading skills in very young children," she said.

"Recently we have joined Great Start Collaborative-Wayne in their Talking is Teaching: Talk, Read, Sing Community Campaign. This is a public awareness and action campaign designed to share information with parents about the critical role they play in their child's early brain and language development, and to support them with the concrete tools to talk, read, and sing with young children. By doing these simple activities with their child, they will build their child's brain and help prepare their child to succeed in school and in life. It will make their child feel happy, special, and loved, too!"

Wayne RESA (the intermediate school district) and Great Start Collaborative Wayne wants parents to consider these facts, Bartone said: The brain develops more rapidly in the first few years of life than at any other time in life; without positive interactions from loving adults, brain development won't reach its potential; by age 4, children in high income families hear up to 30 million words more than children living in poverty. Parental knowledge about child development can positively impact this statistic and the size of a child's vocabulary in kindergarten predicts his or her ability to read proficiently.

Agreeing wholeheartedly with Bartone is Carol Champagne of the Plymouth District Library.

Read as often as you can," said Champagne, head of youth services for the Plymouth library. "Read every day, that's the big one."

"A lot of people say they're not ready" when young children squirm while being read to. "You just have to keep practicing. They need to start as soon as they're born," said Champagne, noting creativity and language development grow as children are read to.

Plymouth offers a popular baby Storytime for 16-24 months, drawing some 15 "which is a lot of babies all at once," she said. Other programs are for older children, and Family Fun Night is at the Plymouth library.

Adult participation is encouraged for all but Kindergarten Readiness.

"We strongly encourage them to come," Champagne said of adults. "The children get more out of it," with even great-grandparents present at Plymouth Storytimes.

Champagne said adults reading sets a good example,

"It shows that reading is important to them. They (children) get the message this is important."

"You can read a newspaper, magazine, a menu or recipe instructions aloud to help your child, Champagne added. "They get the message those squiggles on the page mean something."

Tamie Bird, a William P. Faust Public Library of Westland children's librarian, reads "Froggie Gets Dressed" Jan. 7 during a children's Storytime.

Some families even label items around the house to help children learn to read.

Champagne and colleagues encourage getting a library card, visiting the library regularly for fresh books, and owning a few favorites.

"It's a good way to start teaching about responsibility. It also gives them a feeling of ownership in the library. It really is their library."

Often, she noted, parents worry about school success and reading at grade level. "If you make it into work, they're less likely to want to read," said Champagne, noting adults like popular authors such as James Patterson and Danielle Steel.

"It's a lot more work for them (children) so you've got to show them the payoff," Champagne, a 33-year librarian, said of pleasure reading.

She and others tout the "print-rich environment" helping with letter recognition and sounds for the letters. Libraries offer the "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" effort to promote early reading.

"It really sounds daunting but it's a doable goal," Champagne said of that mix of classics and new titles. "And if your child is reading the same ones over, that's fine."

Wayne Distinguished Alumni nominees sought

Commencement at Wayne Memorial High School this year will include the tradition of awarding a Distinguished Alumni medal to a former graduate.

"We have had many outstanding people graduate from Wayne Memorial, said Kevin Weber, principal at Wayne Memorial, "many have contributed significantly to the betterment of society on a local, state, national or international level.

"The Distinguished Alumni Award is our way of honoring an outstanding graduate on an annual basis."

The award has become a part of the annual commencement ceremony at Wayne Memorial. Each winner is awarded a medal inscribed with the official school seal.

"This is an opportunity for our current graduating class to hear first-hand from a former alumnus who has made his/her mark on society," Weber said.

Nominations for the honor are now being accepted from throughout the community. A distinguished Alumni committee has been established at Wayne Memorial High School to select the recipient for 2019. To nominate any graduate, contact Weber's office at (734) 419-2206. Nominations can be mailed to the school at 3001 Fourth St. in Wayne, Mi 48184 and should be received by Feb. 28 to be considered by the committee.

An announcement of the winner will be made in mid-May and the recipient will then be honored at commencement set for June 1.

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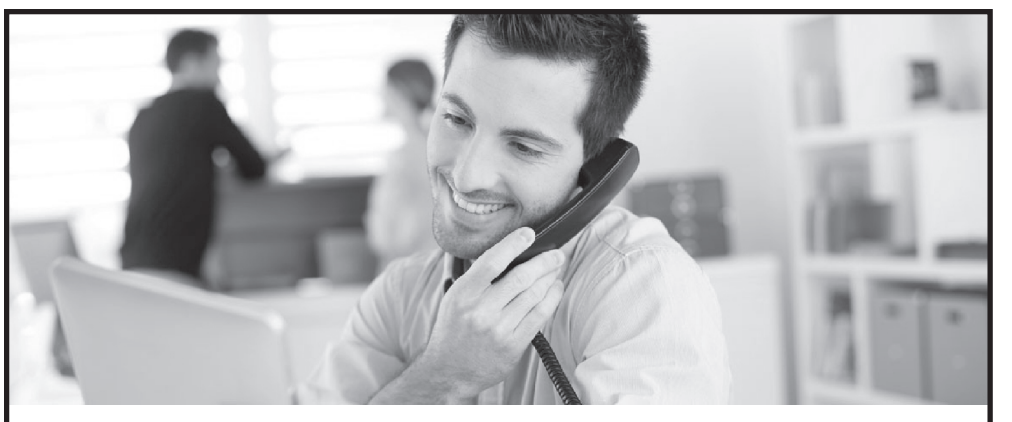

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Calendar of events

Hooper'cise classes planned

Hooper'cise, an exercise program using hula hooping will that place every second and fourth weekends at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Center, 2025 Middlebelt Road in Inkster from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and from 11 a.m. until noon on Saturdays.

The cost is $5 per person.

The classes include waist hooping, arm hooping, and introductory dance movements. Participants usually burn up to 450 calories in an hour and strengthen abdominal and core muscles.

To sign up, call Dakima Jackson, (734) 419-1973.

Family support group meets

The Northwest Wayne County Chapter of Families Against Narcotics offers a support group for those with a loved one addicted to drugs or alcohol.

Meetings take place from 6:30-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. Meetings begin with a whole group discussion followed by small conversational groups centered on individual concerns.

Meetings take place at the Canton Municipal Complex, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton.

For further information contact jacalynsanders@aol.com

Bowling aids library

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce and Friends of the Romulus Library will host a Bowling Night beginning with registration at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26 at Romulus Lanes. Bowling will begin promptly at 8 p.m.

Tickets for the event are $20 per person or $40 for a couple and include three games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza and soda. There will also be a 50-50 raffle and a cash bar will be available.

The event is limited to the first 72 bowlers and the event usually sells out, according to organizers.

For ticket information, call (734) 893-0694.

Romulus Lanes is located at 37452 West Huron River Dr. in Romulus.

Distinguished young women sought

Distinguished young women in the Wayne-Westland area can register now for the annual event which will take place in March. Organizers of the Distinguished Young Woman of Wayne Westland program have scheduled a program orientation meeting for 7 p.m. Jan. 28 at 37955 Glenwood in Wayne.

Any high school junior girl who attends a Wayne or Westland high school can register to participate in the program at www.distinguishedyw.org and click on apply now. There is no entry fee to enter and the program has $1 billion nationally in scholarships available.

To qualify, a girl must be in the class of 2020 and involved in school and/or community activities along with being outstanding academically, in leadership, athletics or the arts.

For more information, visit wayne-westland@DistinguishedYW.org.

Casting call

Inspire Theatre in Westland has scheduled open casting from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jan. 28 and 30 at Westland Center for the Arts, 33455 Warren Road in Westland.

There are roles for five men and three women in the upcoming production of Leading Ladies including: Meg, 18-20; Leo, 25-35; Jack, 25-35; Audrey, 20-30; Duncan, 25-45; Florence, 45-70; Doc, 45-60 and Butch, 25 to 35.

Actors should arrive before 6:30 to fill out paperwork and plan on staying for the entire 2-hour audition. There will be cold reading and comfortable clothing is suggested.

For more information, call (734) 751-7057.

Charity Poker games planned

The Plymouth Rock Lodge 47 of Masons will host a Charity Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament from 7 p.m. until 2 a.m. Jan. 28 and 29 and from 11 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Jan. 30.

The lodge donates to numerous charities including Veteran's Association, Canton Cares, Penrickton School for the Blind, Elks Veterans, Fisher House, home ramp builds for handicap needs, scholarships and maintenance at Starkweather Park in Plymouth.

Refreshments will be for sale. Malarkey's Irish Pub is located at 35750 Warren Road in Westland.

The event is a buy in. For more information, call (734) 740-6690 or go to http://www.playmichiganpoker.com/malarkeys-irish-sports-pub.

The games will take place at Malarkey's Irish Pub located at 35750 Warren Road in Westland.

Jazz at the Elks planned

Planet D Nonet will perform from 7 until 9:30 p.m. Jan. 29 at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325.

There is a $10 donation which includes hors d'oeuvres.

The lodge is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1780.

St. Patrick's Soiree set

Tickets are now on sale for the Night for Northville St. Patrick's Day Soiree hosted as a fundraising for the Northville Educational Foundation.

The foundation annually awards multiple grants to teachers and programs in the Northville Public Schools.

The event will take place from 7-11 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 Eight Mile Road in Northville. There will be an open bar, entertainment by the Shawn Riley Band, Irish dancers, a silent auction, a wine pull raffle a photo booth and other amusements.

To purchase tickets or for more information, visit www.supportNEF.org.

Library hosts authors

As part of the winter Author Speaker Series at the Romulus Public Library, Karen Dybis will be featured at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 31. Dybis is the author of Secret Detroit and will discuss several fun and interestingly obscure places to explore in Detroit, featured in her book.

In February, Greg Sumner will discuss his new book, Michigan POW Camps in World War II beginning at 6:30 on Thursday, Feb. 28.

In March, visitors can explore the art of craft beer with author Bill Rapai whose book Brewed in Michigan was named a Notable Book. Rapai will speak at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 21.

The programs are free and no registration is required. The speakers are sponsored by the Friends of the Romulus Public Library. The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

Blood Drive set in Plymouth

The American Red Cross will host a Blood Drive at Plymouth City Hall from 10 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. Jan. 31.

There is an emergency blood shortage, a spokesman said, and all donors of all blood types are urgently needed.

Plymouth City Hall is located at 201 South Main St. in Plymouth, 48170. For more information, or to set an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code PCH or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) For donor eligibility questions, call (866) 236-3276

Garden Club to meet

The members of the Country Garden Club of Northville will meet at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6 at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville, MI, 481868.

Those attending should enter through doors six or seven.

Speaker for the meeting will be Matt Bertram who will talk about Rain Gardens or Water Sheds.

The meeting is open to the public.

For more information, call (248) 202-1518.

Come Unity Soul Food Dinner served

The City of Romulus, Romulus Community Schools and the Romulus Ministerial Alliance will present Called To Serve, the 18th Annual Come Unity Soul Food Dinner beginning at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7 at Romulus High School.

The dinner will precede a special Black History Month presentation set to begin at 6 p.m.

The program is free but all donations are gratefully accepted. Donations will benefit the Romulus Middle Schools Activities Fund and the Romulus High School Student Scholarship Fund.

Traditionally, volunteers are joined by city officials in serving the soul food meals. The dinner will be served in the school cafeteria. Romulus High School is located at 9650 South Wayne Road in Romulus.

Northville hosts ArtCrush

The Village Workshop in Northville will host ArtCrush from 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9. The event is a fundraiser for the Northville Art House and will include a silent auction, live music and hors d'oeuvres.

Silent auction item highlights include a necklace from Orin Jewelers, gift cards to local area restaurants and artwork donated by Northville gallery and many other items.

ArtCrush is sponsored by Mark Corbin of Raymond James and Bandoni Creative LLC.

The Village Workshop is located at 455 E. Cady St in Northville.

Tickets are more information are available at northvillearthouse.org

Parent Night planned

Parents with students entering Wayne Memorial High School for the 2019 year can learn more about the school during a meeting set in February.

The meeting is designed for parents and students transitioning to 9th grade or those interested in more information about transferring to Wayne Memorial High School for the 2019-2020 year.

Students do not have to be currently attending a Wayne-Westland Community School to attend the meeting set for 6 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Wayne Memorial High School Stockmeyer Auditorium. Topics covered will include: scheduling, graduation requirements, testing out requirements, direct college courses, Advanced Placement courses, extra-curricular activities, and others.

The meeting is open to the public and questions are encouraged. Parking is available in the Glenwood Street parking lot and guests should enter through the front of the auditorium.

Any additional questions should be directed to the Counseling Department at (734) 419.2215.

Library to sell used books

The Friends of the Westland Library will host a used book sale beginning with a preview sale from 3-6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7. The general sale will take place from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 8 and 9. Bag Day will take place from noon until 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 10.

The library is located at 6123 Central City Pkwy. in Westland. For information, call (734) 326-6123.

AARP tax help offered

Volunteer tax aides from the AARP Foundation will offer free tax preparation services to seniors at the Northville Community Center on Thursdays, Feb. 7 - April 12. This service has been offered to the community for at least 10 years at the Community Center.

The tax aides are certified for tax preparation.

Appointments typically take 1 to 1-½ hours. Taxpayers will get a copy of their e-filed returns. Only personal tax returns, not business tax returns, are processed.

Tax preparation is by appointment only, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (248) 305-2851 during business hours to schedule an appointment. A volunteer will return your call with information about required documentation and confirmation of appointment time.

Elks host 'Ramblers'

The West Side Ramblers will provide free entertainment from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Feb. 7. during Burger Night at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325.

The Dixieland-Bluegrass group comprised vive veteran musicians including Morgan Humecky on vocals, lead guitar and banjo; Sherry Humecky on the hammered dulcimer; Brian Newsom on chord melody/rhythm banjo; Kim Dominick on electric bass and Bob Ervin on rhythm guitar and vocals.

The lodge is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1780.

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